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SELECTMEN, TREASURER

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OF THE

TOWN OF GROTON

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1899

BRISTOL, N. H.
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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, JOHN E. MUZZEY, CHARLES G. KIDDER, FRED C. HALL

Town Clerk, JOHN E. MUZZEY

Treasurer, DANIEL KIDDER

Collector of Taxes, JOHN N. KINNE

Supervisors, MARK B. KIDDER, CHARLES D. JEWELL, JEROME D. L. HALL

Librarian, BARRON S. KINNE

Selectmen's Report

VALUATION APRIL 1, 1898

Resident valuation, land and buildings	$59,300 00
Non-resident	18,534 00
Polls, 101	10,100 00
Horses, 140	3,592 00
Oxen, 21	918 00
Cows, 166	3,120 00
Neat stock, 66	844 00
Sheep, 184	400 00
Mills and machinery	3,500 00
Stock in trade	3,090 00
Money at interest	534 00
	$103,932 00

Per cent. on the dollar for all purposes, .028

The selectmen of the town of Groton for the year ending Feb. 15, 1899, charge themselves with cash received as follows:

Amount committed to collector	$2,909 07
Received:	
County on paupers	$183 20
Conditional notes	246 70
Literary fund	57 60
Savings bank tax	160 72
Town clerk, dog license	39 00
School books sold	42
Powder sold	50
Fred A. Phelps, on bill of N. O. Phelps	18 00
Lumber sold	1 25
J. N. Kinne, collector 1896	10 54
" " 1897	755 84
Daniel Kidder, treasurer 1897	828 93
	$5,211 77

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid:	
Carrie A. Kelley, school money	$555 26
" school house repairs	25 00
George H. Turner, county tax	287 04
Solon A. Carter, state tax	225 25
	$1,092 55

REPORT OF SHEDRICK REMICK, ROAD AGENT 1897

Paid:

D. H. Powers,	work on highway	$6 15
Fred Remick,	"	5 40
P. M. Plummer,	"	3 00
Geo. J. Wise,	"	8 49
S. Remick,	"	14 94
H. A. J. Powers,	"	1 79
W. H. Hunkins,	"	2 56
Walter Sands,	"	87
R. C. Dunbar,	"	2 31
C. B. Matthews,	"	1 74
J. H. Brown,	"	2 49
J. W. Smith,	"	4 13
G. E. Colburn,	"	1 00
		$54 87

REPORT OF D. H. POWERS, ROAD AGENT 1898

Paid:

D. H. Powers,	work on highway	$95 61
L. E. Esty,	"	2 88
C. H. Tenney,	"	35 49
Fred StPeter,	"	3 75
D. F. Wheeler,	"	12 44
A. E. Dunton,	"	2 50
A. L. Crosby,	"	26 82
P. M. Plumer,	"	18 60
Matthews Brothers, lumber		74 23

M. W. Rowe,	work on highway	2 50
C. D. Jewell,	"	6 62
C. E. Matthews,	"	44
Sid Wheeler,	"	5 35
Herbert Jewell,	"	1 87
Chester Kendall,	"	3 00
A. W. Smith,	"	12 00
Alvin Goodhue,	"	1 00
E. B. Butterfield & Son,	"	22 64
R. C. Dunbar,	"	1 12
H. A. J. Powers,	"	20 82
Lewis Robarge,	"	3 75
G. E. Colburn,	"	6 59
J. E. Celley,	"	10 12
W. B. Moore,	"	1 25
A. C. Pollard,	"	99
A. C. Remick,	"	2 25
F. R. Cross,	"	2 00
G. J. Wise,	"	3 68
Ira Wheeler,	"	11 87
O. G. Matthews,	"	1 00
Frank Cilley,	"	3 25
C. B. Matthews,	"	5 37
S. Remick,	"	8 75
E. W. Jewell,	"	3 13
A. S. Cross,	"	6 38
J. A. Parris,	"	4 27
L. L. Cheever,	"	35
J. H. Brown,	"	6 87
J. W. Ferrin,	"	5 90
W. H. Hunkins,	"	10 04
H. R. Smith,	"	44
C. N. Merrill, lumber		27 83
		$475 76

REPORT OF J. S. KELLEY, ROAD AGENT 1898

Paid:

J. S. Kelley,	work on road	$100 61
M. B. Kidder,	"	23 24
Frank Butterfield,	"	2 00
E. P. Bacon,	"	38 71
Wyllie Chivelle,	"	8 94
H. H. Eastman,	"	26 31
J. H. Pillsbury,	"	30 61
Wm. Allen,	"	2 50
O. J. Brailey,	"	9 12
C. Blood,	"	7 50
G. V. Hamilton,	"	30 11
P. C. Hobbs,	"	3 75
E. S. Dimond,	"	3 40
J. W. Simpson,	"	2 50
J. D. L. Hall,	"	11 77
James Giff,	"	3 75
S. N. Kinne,	"	11 55
W. A. Colburn,	"	3 00
L. R. Brown,	"	9 82
A. A. Hall,	"	4 53
Israel Bellavance,	"	25 49
Fred C. Hall,	"	31 94
A. W. Burgess,	"	3 12
Munroe Glover,	"	1 00
R. B. Chase,	"	3 87
D. G. Wells,	"	10 59
W. W. Rowen,	"	87
D. Kidder & Son,	lumber, etc.	65 80
W. C. Swett,	work on road	4 37
Chas. Davis,	"	1 87
B. S. Kinne,	"	20 99

J. D. Pervier, work on roads	$3 75
Ford, Gunn and Spalding, work on road	9 00
J. N. Kinne, work on road	7 55
E. O. Pierce, "	8 74
Joseph Chivelle, "	27 18
J. W. Burley, "	95
Ira Cummings, "	18 61
Rufus Shores, "	87
A. S. Marston, "	1 00
O. T. Kidder, "	14 62
Josiah Wheet "	36 35
W. A. Elliott, "	38 56
Alfred Hall, "	1 25
E. E. Hall, "	9 25
C. G. Kidder, "	8 69
G. C. Craig, "	19 06
C. R. Emerton, "	7 50
J. M. Moses, "	1 25
	$717 81

ABATEMENTS

For the year 1896:

William A. Cilley		$3 51

For the year 1897:

Sam Belongee, poll	$2 80	
A. E. Dunton, over tax	2 80	
C. E. Matthews, "	84	
John Vinton	3 08	
Edgar C. Swett, poll	2 80	
Charles Hart, "	2 80	
		$15 12

For the year 1898:

Horace Willoughby, poll	$2 80	
E. E. Sawyer, poll	2 80	
Charles Ford	4 20	
Munroe Glover	3 08	
Peter C. Hobbs, poll	2 80	
		$15 68
Total amount of abatements		$34 31
Aid to dependent soldier's family		$38 52

SUPPORT OF POOR FOR 1898

N. O. PHELPS

C. B. Matthews, for board	$31 07	
W. B. Moore, care while sick	3 00	
A. C. Pollard and wife, care while sick	9 50	
C. B. Matthews, board of Moore and Pollard	4 84	
A. S. Russell, medical services	18 00	
		$66 41

HORACE WILLOUGHBY

Fred H. Elliott, goods	$6 08	
J. W. Burley, "	3 05	
A. S. Russell, medical services	21 50	
Eva J. Whitcher, for work	4 00	
W. A. Elliott, drawing wood	1 92	
		$36 55

MARTHA M. HAZELTON

Ira Wheeler, for board	$12 50

NELLIE FROST

A. S. Marston, for milk	$3 00	
Abby Avery, nursing	2 00	
Fred C. Hall, goods	76	
Sabra J. Page, nursing	18 00	
Abby Avery, milk	2 55	
" washing	1 50	
A. S. Marston, care and wood	13 80	
J. W. Burley, goods	15 33	
Abby Avery, sewing, etc.	1 00	
A. S. Marston, board, wood, milk, etc.	15 20	
A. S. Russell, medical services	110 16	
A. Marston, digging grave, etc.	5 00	
H. R. Ford, coffin and box	10 62	
Rev. W. L. Felch, preaching sermon	1 00	
		$199 92
Total amount of pauper bills		$315 38

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Paid:

E. E. Babb, school supplies	$24 19
D. Kidder & Son, hay	5 00
" money for Memorial day	10 00
P. Blood, interest on J. Colburn note	5 31
Library trustees	30 00
E. C. Eastman, town supplies	19 93
G. C. Gillett, sheep killed by dogs	14 00
H. H. Whittemore, "	14 00
J. W. Burley, taking affidavit	75
D. Kidder, "	1 00
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports	20 00
C. Blood, care town house	3 00

A. S. Russell, return of birth and deaths	$4 00
Geo. E. Colburn, school supplies	1 10
" " books	38 33
W. H. Hunkins, water tub	2 00
J. E. Muzzey, obtaining names of children not returned on certificate	6 25
J. E. Muzzey, board town officers	10 00
	$208 86

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Paid:

Daniel Kidder, treasurer	$25 00
" moderator	3 00
John N. Kinne, collector	42 00
John E. Muzzey, selectman	34 10
Chas. G. Kidder, "	30 25
Fred C. Hall, "	29 00
J. E. Muzzey, town clerk	15 00
Geo. E. Colburn, member of school board	12 00
Josiah Wheet, "	10 25
Carrie A. Kelley, "	9 00
M. B. Kidder, supervisor	5 00
A. C. Pollard, "	5 00
C. D. Jewell, "	2 00
W. H. Hunkins, truant officer	2 25
Josiah Wheet, district clerk	1 50
S. N. Kinne, board of health	50
L. M. Muzzey, assistant librarian	2 50
Jewell & Wheet, auditors	3 00
	$231 35

RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received by selectmen	$5,211 77
Paid:	
Cash receipts	$1,092 5[illegible]
Town officers' bills	231 35
Support of poor	315 38
Aid to soldiers	38 5[illegible]
Abatements	34 3[illegible]
Shedrick Remick, road agent	54 87
J. S. Kelley, "	717 81
D. H. Powers, "	475 76
Miscellaneous bills	208 86
J. N. Kinne, land sale 1898	400 [illegible]
In hands of treasurer, 1898	906 84
" collector, 1898	735 30
	$5,211 77

LIABILITIES OF TOWN FEB. 15, 1899

Due:	
John N. Kinne, on note	$72 25
Noah L. Jewell, "	1,780 18
Roxanna W. Leavitt, "	576 54
C. G. Kidder, "	330 41
Ada Kidder, "	115 29
Joanna Colburn, "	132 69
	$3,007 36

ASSETS OF THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1899

Due:

From A. A. Hall, collector	$4 79
On conditional notes	425 81
From J. N. Kinne, collector 1895	2 75
" " 1896	9 61
" " 1897	36 34
" " 1898	735 30
From Daniel Kidder, treasurer 1898	906 84
From county	118 31
Road machine	70 00
Town safe	220 00
	$2,529 75

Total indebtedness of town Feb. 15, 1898	$548 04
" " 1899	477 61
Debt decreased	$70 43

Respectfully submitted to the taxpayers of the town of Groton.

JOHN E. MUZZEY,
CHAS. G. KIDDER,
FRED C. HALL,
} Selectmen of Groton.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSIAH WHEET,
CHAS. D. JEWELL,
} Auditors.

Groton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1899.

Treasurer's Report for 1898

In hands of treasurer Feb. 20, 1898				$828 93
Received of selectmen				668 39
"	town clerk, dog license			39 00
"	John N. Kinne, collector		1898	2,173 77
"	"	"	1897	755 84
"	"	"	1896	10 54
				$4,476 47

Paid:

Orders of selectmen	$3,569 63
In hands of treasurer Feb. 20, 1899	906 84
	$4,476 47

Respectfully submitted to the tax payers

DANIEL KIDDER, Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSIAH WHEET,
CHAS. D. JEWELL, } Auditors.

Groton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1899.

Report of Schools for 1898

Another year in its annual round with its school duties done, or left undone, has passed and it now remains to summarize the work of our schools for the past year.

Teachers, like all other people, are differently constituted and consequently their methods of work in the school room will not always be uniform though the results may be equally beneficial to the pupils and correspondingly satisfactory to parents and supervisors. With two exceptions the schools under our charge have been successful. The teachers have been well qualified for their respective positions, both intellectually and morally, and they bestowed earnest labor in the performance of their duties in the school room.

If in respect to one of the terms, which was not quite successful nor very generally satisfactory, those who were the most vociferous in their denunciations of the teacher and her work, had exercised that charity required by the Golden Rule and heeded the injunction of the wise man "a time to keep silence," it would have been better for all concerned. Our schools are for the benefit of all the children of the town of proper age and they all need the full benefit of the educational advantages which we can give them in our little town with its burden of taxation. Hence how unwise in parents to take offense at trifling things and withdraw their children from school. Much valuable instruction is thus lost to the absentees and they

soon find by this course that they have fallen behind their classmates and are necessarily obliged to gravitate into classes of lower grade, which is quite humiliating to bright, active scholars who have justly prided themselves in being first in their respective classes.

In these later times when scholars bid adieu to the schoolroom at so early an age it has been a source of gratification to find in our schools some large pupils, mostly young ladies, at their desks intent upon gaining a more complete education which will qualify them for better positions when they assume the stern and important duties of life. The longer we are connected with our schools the more convinced are we that some of the parents are in a measure responsible for our not having better schools. If parents, before their children enter upon their school life, would instill into their minds that their duties in the school room must ever be obedience to the teacher and an untiring effort to perform the tasks allotted them, forbidding all fault finding of the teacher when at home, we should at once see a marked improvement in the schools. "Parents unfair to teachers," writes Edward Bok, and the most prominent educators of the land admit this fact. Every effort is undoubtedly made to better prevailing systems. But the fight is single handed. Teachers and educators constantly say "We are alone; parents give us no assistance, not even the benefit of ordinary interest." And this is lamentably true. Parents are too lax in regard to the methods pursued in educating their children. There is no co-operation of the parent with the teacher, without which the best results to our children cannot be obtained.

In securing teachers for our several schools it is not always easy to predict the measure of success which each will attain, but when the test of success has been proven by their work in the school-room all should wisely co-operate

with teachers in their somewhat difficult labors and at all times encourage teachers and pupils in all practicable ways, casting the mantle of charity upon all who in a measure fail to meet with the success desired.

Let us all, fellow citizens, in addition to the money so generously voted, give our aid, sympathy and encouragement to all connected with our schools and in every possible way labor to promote the efficiency of our schools and the moral and educational wellbeing of all our scholars.

CARRIE A. KELLEY,
GEO. E. COLBURN,
JOSIAH WHEET,
} School Board.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

One Term. Alice Clark, Ethel Clark, Angus Black, Oscar Hall, Eugene Hall, Eva Brown, Bessie Campbell, Celia Kidder, Eliza Kidder, Lena Kidder, Cora Giff, Bernice Wheet, Harry Avery, Lee Wheet, George McConnell, Willie Woods, Emma Gurney, Almina Celley, Ray Jewell, Louis Keezer, Lee Pollard, Luvellia Plummer, Amy Robie, Alvah Esty, Carroll Plummer.

Two Terms. Bertha Cummings, Cora Cummings, Gertrude Kinne, Clara Pierce, Albert Cummings, Charlie Pierce, Louis Pierce, Nettie Wise, Alexander McDonald, Annie Wheeler.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE A. KELLEY,
GEORGE E. COLBURN,
JOSIAH WHEET,
} School board.

Report of

School Board Treasurer

FOR 1898

RECEIVED

Balance in treasury Feb. 15, 1898		$58 88
Rec'd of Dorchester, tuition		16 00
" selectmen, order on town treasurer		555 26
" " raised by district for repairs		25 00
		$655 14

PAID

1898:		
June 18, Ivie V. Foster, teaching No. 10		$13 50
R. C. Dunbar, boarding teacher No. 10		6 75
Mrs. R. C. Dunbar, cleaning school No. 10		1 00
24, Martha A. Jackson, teaching and board No. 2		31 50
30, Isabel D. Hoyt, teaching No. 8		27 00
Emily M. Trubey, teaching No. 9		27 00
Geo. E. Colburn, boarding teacher No. 8		13 50
L. L. Cheever, boarding teacher No. 9		13 50
Mrs. A. C. Pollard, cleaning school house No. 9		2 50
July 2, Grace E. Nelson, teaching and board No. 4		54 00
E. M. Moses, boarding Mamie Moses		10 00

Oct.	14, J. D. L. Hall, cleaning and repairing school house No. 2	$1	50
Nov.	1, H. H. Eastman, conveying pupils schooled in Rumney	14	00
	18, Lillian B. Mason, teaching No. 9	33	00
	L. L. Cheever, boarding teacher No. 9	16	50
	Isabel D. Hoyt, teaching No. 8	33	00
	Geo. E. Colburn, boarding teacher No. 8	16	50
	Grace E. Nelson, teaching and board No. 4	66	00
	21, J. W. Burley, nails, No. 4		79
	Harvey Wheet, labor No. 4	1	25
	E. O. Pierce, "	1	25
	Earl E. Hall, "	7	00
	C. B. Kidder, labor No. 4	6	00
	O. T. " "	3	00
	Cook's Lumber Co., sheathing for school house No. 4	24	00
	J. S. Kelley, drawing sheathing No. 4	2	50
	23, Meta M. Moses, teaching No. 2	36	00
	Agnes D. Annis, boarding teacher No. 2	15	00
	" " Mamie Moses	9	60
	Josiah Wheet, wood No. 4	4	00
Dec.	5, Ivie V. Foster, teaching and board No. 10	63	00
	1899:		
Jan.	18, Susie C. Atwood, tuition of pupils schooled in Rumney	8	40
Feb.	4, C. G. Kidder, wood and repairs, No. 2	2	90
	11, E. J. Goss, tuition of pupils schooled in Dorchester	6	00
	C. A. Kelley, broom, cleaning school house and repairs No. 4	3	25
	15, R. C. Dunbar, wood No. 8, 9 and 10 and repairs No. 10	5	29

Feb. 15, George E. Colburn, repairs No. 9		$ 40
Amount of money unexpended		74 76
		$655 14

REPAIRS IN NO. 4

Amount unexpended Feb. 5, 1898	$6 96	
Raised by district 1898	25 00	
		$31 96
Paid:		
For material and labor		$31 96

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE A. KELLEY, Treasurer.

We have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOSIAH WHEET,
CHARLES JEWELL, } Auditors.

LIBRARY REPORT

FEB. 15, 1899

Books in circulation Feb. 15, 1898	452
" " 1899	518
Patrons during the year	55
Books read	294
Gift of the North Groton Ladies Public Library, No. books	211

B. S. KINNE, Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, FEB. 15, 1899

Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1898	$4 14
1898:	
Oct. 7, Received of town	$30 00
22, Fines	21
Total	$34 35
Paid:	
Nov. 9, Jordan, Marsh & Co., books	$30 70
Fare to Boston	2 00
1899:	
Feb. 15, Cash in treasury	1 65
	$34 35

JOSIAH WHEET, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE

No. of district.	Term of school.	Name of Teacher.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils.	Average daily attendance.	No. of pupils not absent.	Instances of tardiness.	Visits by superintendent.	Visits by citizens & others.	Wages of teacher per month, including board.
2	1	Martha A. Jackson.	7	9	8	5	5	3	6	$18 00
2	2	Meta M. Moses.	12	10	10	2	1	2	3	17 00
4	1	Grace E. Nelson.	9	25	24	15	1	2	29	24 00
4	2	"	11	24	23	7	7	2	14	24 00
8	1	Isabel D. Hoyt.	9	12	10	2	17	2	21	18 00
8	2	"	11	13	12	4	16	3	22	18 00
9	1	Emily M. Trubey.	9	19	15	2	17	4	17	18 00
9	2	Lillian B. Mason.	11	19	18	5	59	5	18	18 00
10	1	Ivie V. Foster.	4.4	12	11	1	2	2	10	18 00
10	2	"	14	9	8	3	2	5	26	18 00

Births Registered in the Town of Groton, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan 24	Joseph..... ...	M	Living...	8	All White	Israel Belavance....	Emma Doyar.....	All White	No. Groton....	Laborer	Brayton, Can...	Lyster, Canada.	39	33
Mar. 8	Emery P., Jr...	M	"	2		Emery P. Bacon...	Rose B. Avery.....		" "	Farmer.....	Canada	Ellsworth.....	39	23
16	Donald	M	"	6		Leroy E. Esty.....	Rhoda A. Merrill..		"	"	Groton	Croydon..... ..	47	36
May 16	Oscar R.....	M	"	2		Daniel H. Powers..	Lunette K. Robie..		"	"	Dorchester.....	Alexandria.....	35	38
23	Victor B.....	M	"	3		Geo. V. Hamilton..	Georgia M. Avery..		No. "	Laborer.....	Nova Scotia....	Rumney.....	31	20
27	Fred Mervil....	M	"	3		Lester W. Cross ...	Addie M. Getchell..		" "	Engineer.	Franklin.....	Barre, Vt.....	29	21
June 2		M	"	4		Albert E. Dunklee.	Amy M. Wells. ...		No. "	Farmer,teams'tr	Plainfield.. ...	Rumney.....	36	32
11	Herbert.....	M	"	5		Chas. H. Tenney...	Mary A. Phillips...		" "	Farmer.....	Alexandria.....	Dorchester.....	49	41
Aug. 24	Martha J.....	F	"	1		James M. Moses...	Flora M. Hooper...		No. "	"	Groton.....	Rumney.....	47	18
Nov. 15	Fred H.....	M	"	4		H. W. Willoughby	Emma E. Howard..		" "	Laborer.....	No. Groton. ..	Union, Me.....	39	35

Deaths Registered in the Town of Groton, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
Mar. 19	Emery P. Bacon, Jr.	..	..	11	No. Groton.	M	All White	S		Canada	Ellsworth.....	Emery P. Bacon ...	Rose B. Avery.....	
June 2	Nathan O. Phelps..	83	11	23	"	M		W	Cooper.....	Groton.....		Nathan Phelps.....	Rebecca Otis.....	Gastritis
Oct. 6	Matthew Allen... .	70	.	..	England	M		M	Farmer ...			Joseph Allen.....		Heart Failure.....
Dec. 11	Nellie Frost.....	34	1	14	Palitine, Ill...	F		W	Housewife .	Utica, N. Y...	Ryegate, Vt...	L. H. Page.... ...	Mahela Brown	Peritonitis.....

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN E. MUZZEY, Town Clerk.